IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION 3:15-CR-00121-RJC-DSC

USA)	
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v.)	ORDER
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JORGE SOSA)	
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THIS MATTER is before the Court upon remand from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for an evidentiary hearing on whether appellate counsel has a conflict of interest, and if so, whether the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waived it. (Doc. No. 1173: Order).

For the reasons stated at the evidentiary hearing on February 16, 2018, the Court finds that appellate counsel has no conflict of interest in representing the defendant; that any potential conflict is waivable; and that the defendant knowingly and voluntarily waived any potential conflict of interest.

The Clerk is directed to certify copies of this Order to the defendant; appellate counsel for the defendant, W. Rob Heroy; the United States Attorney; and the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

Signed: February 23, 2018

Robert J. Conrad, Jr. United States District Judge